



A MUCH ADMIR'D SONG CALLD THE LIMRICK LOVERS

You lover - all about on p y the truth I will pen down
I courted a fair maid high t sweet Limrick town
She is proper neat & hand-some in every d -gree
Her eyes were like the diamonds bright & her teeth like ivory

I was a farmers only son my age was twenty one
This day as I she was as fair as the sun ever shone on
I have g ritches plenty & she of a low degree
Which made my parents sigh in r & prove my destiny

They sent me to America my fortune for to try
I sail'd on board the No th star that is the sea does lie
But fortune provid'd to me so kind a plank brought me on shore
For to see the darling girl in Limrick town once more

When I arriv'd on Columbia shore no friend there could I find
The thoughts of my dear true love et still runs in my mind
Three days I was in hardship got the truth as you may know
Still thinking on my cruel friends that prov'd my overthrow

It was early the next morn'g by the dawning of the day
A lady then stept up to me these words to me did say
My lovely you have cost it the truth what caus'd your misery,
Are you from the heavens tell or where is your country

I'm an Irishman he says the truth I will lay down
My parents are wealthy & lives in r Limrick town
For the loving of a fair maid they sent me far away
I'm shipwreck'd from the North star wet now I es in the sea

The lady fell in love with me the tears fell from her eyes
Come tell me if you married to the girl you left behind
For I have gold at my command & riches that are great
If you join with me in wedl ck you I be Lord of my estate

To wed with you my lady it's a thing I cannot do
For I'm already promis'd & bound on oath it's true
Unto a fair wealthy truth will explain
No other fair one on this earth will my favor gain

This lady fell in deep despair & these words to me did say
Here is some hundred in gold to take you across the sea
For love I find is better than gold or earthly store
May the A -ge's protect you safe to Limrick town